

MR. KLUNKER: Good afternoon. I just wanted to acknowledge that a lot of people have mentioned the consideration of our jobs, and I wanted to personally thank you for that, that that is considered. My name is Chris Klunker, I'm an underground miner at the Skyline Mine for valued resources. I have six boys, I have a wife, and I have a home in Fairview, Utah. And I'll do everything I can to protect that way of life. It's been acknowledged here that, you know, we all are users of fossil fuel. We use tires, oil in our vehicles. You know, we charge them. That comes off of our power supply and we need to realize that we're all users of fossil fuel and we need this. The renewable energy alternatives that are in development depend on the mining industry and the use of public lands to provide materials to manufacture those products. From the lights to the steel in this very building that we gather in today, we are all users of our state's coal reserves. We come together to share a common interest, to stabilize our economy, and improve upon the means to supply power to our state. We are the coal miners of Utah. We are on the front lines of the harm that a rate increase or moratorium will cause us. We have families to support, homes, obligations to our communities, and we also love our clean air environment. We live in it. We depend on these resources to sustain our livelihood. Our lifestyle in rural Utah demands conservation and responsible use of our natural resources. It is not a novelty or something we frequent on the weekends, it's our way of life. We as a coal mine community sacrifice to bring you 76 percent of the power you use to turn on the lights in your homes, low cost power that attracts businesses to Utah and boosts our local economy. To impose increased rates would cause a negative effect on the coal dependent communities. Let us come to a solution that will not damage our already fragile economy and allow the coal mine industry to fund and follow through with our environmental obligations by strengthening coal sales and continue to offer an already honest return on taxpayer investment and avoid decreased government revenue.